

Wassam sacrificed his own life to shield his 5-year-old daughter from falling debris. His example of selflessness and bravery during this disaster is one all Americans and Arkansans can admire.

I now ask for a moment of silent prayer to honor all the victims of those recent tragic events.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 180, I was predisposed at this time. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

#### RECOGNIZING CHILDHOOD APRAXIA DAY

### HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, today marks the second annual Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day, during which we will raise national awareness about Childhood Apraxia of Speech, a particularly difficult, persistent, and severe speech and communication disorder in youngsters.

Today I want to recognize the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA), whose mission is to strengthen the support systems in the lives of children with apraxia. CASANA offers information and support related to CAS on its website, [www.apraxiakids.org](http://www.apraxiakids.org).

Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have extreme difficulty planning and producing the precise, highly refined and specific series of movements of the tongue, lips, jaw, and palate that are necessary for the production of proper speech. It is among the most severe of speech and communication problems in children.

While the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia endure an incredible and lengthy struggle. Although not life threatening it is life altering as families are left to cope with the emotional, physical, and financial challenges of having a child diagnosed with CAS. Additionally, without appropriate intervention, children with CAS are at high risk for secondary impacts in literacy and other school-related skills.

We encourage states, insurance providers, and schools to recognize the critical need to provide adequate speech therapy and other services so that the impact of this disorder can be minimized and so that affected children can grow into productive, contributing adult citizens.

Every child should be afforded their best opportunity to develop speech. With early intervention and appropriate therapy, most children with CAS will learn to communicate with their very own voices. These children, as well as their families, deserve our highest respect for their effort, determination and resilience in the face of such obstacles.

Let's use Childhood Apraxia Day to raise awareness about CAS and support the goals of Better Hearing and Speech Month.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 180, I was not able to get to D.C. by the time votes were called due to a personal conflict. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### CONGRATULATING RONDOUT SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Rondout Elementary School in the suburban Chicago district I represent as it celebrates its sesquicentennial. For 150 years, Rondout School has educated children with a commitment to the Rondout Way: Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Kindness.

Honoring these principles, Rondout School strives to focus its "collective professional expertise to deliver the highest quality instruction to our students and to measure their academic and social learning . . . one student at a time."

This is the Rondout School mission, and it is this mission that the talented, dedicated teachers, employees and administrators of District 72 carry out.

Good education is the foundation of all of our future success in the 21st Century, and all kids, regardless of zip code, deserve the opportunity to pursue an excellent education.

Outstanding schools like Rondout Elementary exemplify the character and vision that our educational system needs.

Whether it is in the classroom, during the summer, through social and emotional learning or at one of Rondout's extracurricular activities, students are engaged, stimulated and challenged in rewarding and enriching ways.

I am proud of Rondout Elementary School's commitment to excellence, and I am so pleased to congratulate Rondout School District 72 on 150 great years.

#### CELEBRATING DOROTHY "DOT" WIEKAMP'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Mrs. Dorothy "Dot" Wiekamp, who reached the milestone of her 100th birthday on March 15, 2014. Mrs. Wiekamp is a truly remarkable woman who is known in our community as an outstanding volunteer, community leader, philanthropist, mother, and grandmother.

Dot met her late husband Darwin at Mishawaka High School and the two married in 1936, forming what many have called "the perfect team." Together the Wiekamps began a family, built a business, and created a legacy in our local community.

In 1945, the Wiekamps founded the Owners Discount Corporation in Elkhart, Indiana. The business serviced customers who were overlooked by other banks, specializing in small loans for cars and new businesses. After purchasing the West End State Bank of Mishawaka in 1966, Owners Discount continued to grow, changing its name several times, until finally becoming National City Bank.

The Wiekamp's business success gave way to their philanthropic efforts. The couple played an instrumental role in the building of Memorial Children's Hospital in South Bend and also generously gave their time and money to the construction of the Schwartz Wiekamp Medical Center in Mishawaka. These efforts continue to play a key role in ensuring that local children have access to quality healthcare.

In regards to higher education, the Wiekamps have contributed to numerous institutions and scholarships. The couple helped fund the main classroom building, Wiekamp Hall, at Indiana University—South Bend. They built the Wiekamp Athletic Facility at Bethel College and the Dorothy Wiekamp Demonstration Kitchen at Ivy Tech Community College. In addition, the couple provided funding for the Schwartz Tennis Center at Purdue University.

Mrs. Wiekamp was also instrumental in the construction of a new auditorium at the Northern Indiana Center for History, as well as the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Throughout her life, Dot has been involved in numerous community organizations. She served on the board of trustees for the Northern Indiana Historical Society, as president of the Mishawaka Visiting Nurses Association, and is a founding member of the Mishawaka YMCA.

From philanthropic support to countless charities and educational institutions to leadership on the boards of our community's most important organizations, the Wiekamps have left a legacy in our local community. I am forever grateful for their service and dedication.

It is a privilege to recognize Dot Wiekamp, a woman whose admirable service and commitment to the local community is truly inspirational. On behalf of Indiana's Second District, I wish her a happy 100th birthday and many more to come.

#### WORKER'S MEMORIAL DAY

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, please join me in remembering the workers who have lost their lives on the job. It is an honor to join The Builders' Association and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) today in recognizing these men and women, alongside their colleagues and families.

At the turn of the 20th century, it is estimated that more than 100 American workers died on the job every day, with few laws in

place to protect them. Today, over 4,000 workers are killed on the job annually, and 3.3 million suffer a serious injury, leaving much work to be done to provide all workers a safe work environment.

In an effort to address this challenge, trade unions and workplace health and safety organizations world-wide have concentrated on the issue of workers' health and safety on April 28th of each year. Helping lead the charge is OSHA, who has worked to reduce workplace injuries and death for over forty years. In 2001, OSHA and The Builders' Association, through the Build Safe Partnership Program, developed cooperative partnerships designed to protect and promote the safety and health of construction workers in the Midwest. I would like to personally thank The Builders' Association/Kansas City Chapter, AGC and the Region 7 OSHA office for your continued efforts to keep worker safety a priority.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing the local workers who lost their lives. We must never forget them, and we must respect their memory by continuing to work to improve standards for workplace health and safety.

#### RECOGNIZING THREE ILLINOISANS TRAGICALLY KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2014*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sorrow at the deaths of three Illinoisans, killed in an attack in Kabul, Afghanistan last week. The three—John Gabel, Gary Gabel, and Dr. Jerry Umanos—were shot at CURE International's Hospital, which provides critical medical care to the people of Afghanistan.

John Gabel, a visiting lecturer at Kabul University's information technology department, was shot along with his father, Gary Gabel. Both were from Palatine, Illinois and members of the Orchard Evangelical Church in Arlington Heights. Pastor Colin Smith of the church described John as a "computer genius with a perfect mind" who was living out his faith through his service in Afghanistan. Amy Dillman, who worked with John while he was at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, said, "I think John just had a calling and he could see where the work he was good at—the programming and the information technology—could be useful and of service to other areas and other parts of the world that really needed that infrastructure."

Like his son, Gary Gabel was an active member of his church, working with youth groups and leadership teams. His wife, Teresa, was wounded in the attack but is recovering.

Dr. Jerry Umanos, a pediatrician who had practiced at the Lawndale Christian Health Center in Chicago, was serving at CURE's Hospital. Dr. Umanos was dedicated to providing essential medical care to Afghan children. According to his colleague Dr. Art Jones, "... you can't count the number of children that Jerry's impacted, the lives he's saved on his own, and with the doctors he trained. That's who he was. He was driven by the kids."

As we mourn the loss of John Gabel, Gary Gabel and Jerry Umanos, we also reflect on their dedication to working to improve the lives of others. I want to send my condolences to their families and friends.

#### RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE LATINO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COUNCIL

**HON. MARK POCAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2014*

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tremendous work of the Latino Children and Families Council and their programs for the Latino community in Wisconsin's Second District.

The Latino Children and Families Council hosts El Día de los Niños, an annual event in Madison, Wisconsin for Latino children and their families. This event includes music, food and plenty of games and educational activities for youth to enjoy. Also featured are opportunities for parents to receive information about childcare, parenting and the resources available to them in our community. The day culminates with a parade of Latin American Nations which allows the children to showcase their talents and celebrate their heritage.

Through education and advocacy, the Council continually promotes the success and well-being of Latino children and families. The Council promotes strong partnerships between community organizations and works to ensure our schools provide quality education that is inclusive of all students and the unique backgrounds from which they come and the diverse languages that they speak. The Council also provides leadership, giving a strong voice to the concerns of the Latino community.

I am proud to celebrate Saturday, May 3, 2014 as "El Día de los Niños." I thank the Latino Children and Families Council for their efforts to engage with and support the Latino community in Madison. This recognition is a most fitting honor of the important work that they do, not just today but throughout the year.

#### TO RECOGNIZE CENTRAL BUCKS SOUTH'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2014*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 2013/2014 Central Bucks South High School ice hockey team who won the Pennsylvania double-A High School Ice Hockey Championship on March 22nd on the campus of Penn State University.

After wrapping up their regular season with a record of 14–3–1, the Titans entered the 2014 Flyers Cup tournament as the second seed. After emerging as the champions from the eastern side of the state, they'd go on to beat western Pennsylvania's Bishop Canevin High School by a score of 5–2 for the state title.

The players, coaches and managers involved with this year's team should be ex-

tremely proud—not only of their accomplishment on the ice, but also of the pride they've brought to their school and area.

Legendary Philadelphia Flyers coach Fred Shero once said, "Success is not the result of spontaneous combustion. You must first set yourself on fire."

Hockey, like life, requires hard work and dedication in order to succeed.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2014*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 187 on Final Passage of H.R. 4486, the Fiscal Year 2015 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2014*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Monday, April 28, 2014.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 178, and "yea" on rollcall vote 179.

I was also absent for the following votes on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 and May 1, 2014 to participate in immigration events. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 184, "yea" on rollcall vote 185, "yea" on rollcall vote 186, and "yea" on rollcall vote 187 in support of final passage of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

On May 1, 2014, I would like the record to show that had I been present, I would have voted, "nay" on rollcall vote 188, "nay" on rollcall vote 189, "nay" on rollcall vote 190, "nay" on rollcall vote 191, and "yea" on rollcall vote 192. Finally, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 193 in support of final passage of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act.

#### HONORING BROOKE JACKSON

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2014*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brooke Jackson. Brooke is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Venturing Crew 2883, and earning a most prestigious recognition, the Venturing Silver Award.

Brooke has been very active with her troop, participating in many activities. Over the years Brooke has been involved with scouting, she